

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
LICENSED SHOOTING PRESERVE APPLICATION**

(Under Authority of § 29.1-514, § 29.1-544, and Chapter 6 of the Code of Virginia; 4 VAC 15-40-260)
For Permit Period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

(Please PRINT or TYPE all information) Previous VDGIF Permit Number _____

(Check One) NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ DATE _____

(Check One) **PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL** _____ **PRIVATE (Invited guests only)** _____

I wish to hold and hunt the following pen-reared species: (Check species desired)

☐ Quail ☐ Chukar ☐ Pheasant ☐ Hungarian Partridge

Mallard Duck for (choose one): ☐ Tower Shoot) or ☐ Mallard Release Area (MRA)

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ HOME TELEPHONE: (____) _____
City State Zip

NAME OF SHOOTING PRESERVE: _____
(Your Shooting Preserve Number will be the same as last year if this is a renewal.)

Mailing Address: _____

_____ BUSINESS TELEPHONE: (____) _____
City State Zip

LOCATION: _____ in _____
(Highway, direction, distance to nearest town) (County)

SIZE OF SHOOTING PRESERVE (acres) _____ FIN#: _____
(Area must have a minimum of 100 acres)

NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE:

- 1) **PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL** **\$50.00**
- 2) **PRIVATE** (invited guests only)
 - a) **100-300 acres** **\$.50 per acre**
 - b) for each **additional** acre over 300 acres **\$2.00 per acre**

Check should be made payable to: **TREASURER OF VIRGINIA** - **Signed** application, map/sketch (if applicable), and non-refundable application fee (check) mailed to: Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, Post Office Box 11104, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104. (804-367-9588)

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1) All new applications, or renewals having modified acreage, **must** include a map, or sketch, of the Shooting Preserve area, showing boundaries and acreage of the Preserve area.

2) To propagate pen-raised birds on your Shooting Preserve, a Propagation Permit for \$12.50 is required, in addition to a Shooting Preserve license, and must be obtained prior to the propagation of any birds listed on the Shooting Preserve license. Please contact the Permitting Section at (804) 367-9588 if you require an application.

3) For new applicant, a Shooting Preserve license will be issued after a representative of this Agency has inspected and has confirmed that your Shooting Preserve meets our requirements. **You** must contact the Permit Section (804) 367-9588 when you are ready to initiate the inspection process. Renewing applicant's facilities will be reinspected as deemed necessary.

4) Prior to obtaining a (new or a renewal) license from the Board to operate a **commercially operated** controlled shooting area, an applicant shall (i) notify adjoining landowners of the proposed use and (ii) obtain approval from the governing body of the county, city or town that such activity is permitted under existing ordinances (§ 29.1-514). **This requirement does not apply to private shooting preserves, or to commercial preserves first permitted before July 1, 1994.**

I have notified my adjoining landowners and have obtained approval from my county, city, or town governing body in accordance with the law stated in the preceding paragraph: ☐ Yes ☐ No

5) Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations? Yes _____ No _____ If "yes," year _____ and nature of offense _____

_____.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Via my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES SHOOTING PRESERVE CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SHOOTING PRESERVES:

- 1) **RECORDS/REPORTS:** The licensee is responsible for keeping a register of the names, addresses, and hunting license numbers of all hunters (successful or not), the date(s) hunted, the number of each species taken, and the numbers of the tags, or bands, placed on the game. Such records shall be retained for at least two years. Records will be open to inspection by authorized Department personnel at any reasonable time. The licensee shall be responsible for providing annually, to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, no later than 30 days following the end of the shooting preserve season, a report summarizing the total number of individuals hunting, a total of each species released, and a total of each species taken, on a form provided by the Department.
- 2) **ACREAGE:** The area shall have a minimum of 100 acres and said area must consist of a single tract, or contiguous tracts of land, as shown on the application. There shall be no maximum size. Multiple shooting preserves, operated by the same licensee, shall not be contiguous with each other. The licensee shall own or have the area under lease.
- 3) **AREA IDENTIFICATION:** Signs designating the area as a "Licensed Shooting Preserve" must be placed not more than 50 yards apart, along all boundaries.
- 4) **HUNTERS:** All persons hunting, or assisting in the hunting, on the Preserve shall have a valid resident, or nonresident, Virginia hunting license. A license for nonresidents to hunt exclusively on Shooting Preserves is available for \$12.00 plus 50 cents agent issuance fee. All hunting of any game, other than the pen-raised species authorized, shall conform to the general season bag limits, and licensing requirements of the species concerned. All hunters must comply with the blaze orange law.
- 5) **TAGGING/TRANSPORTING BIRDS:** The licensee shall be responsible for affixing a serially-numbered tag, or band, bearing the Shooting Preserve number to every bird, or package of birds, taken within the regulated area. Licensee must give notice to each person transporting game that the bands, or tags, must remain with the game until it is finally prepared for consumption, and that shot game may be disposed of only by gift. (**NOTE:** Suitable tags or bands may be obtained from National Band and Tag Company, P. O. Box 72430, 721 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41702-0430, 859-261-2035, Fax: 800-261-8247.)
- 6) **SURPLUS BIRDS:** The licensee may sell surplus authorized birds for food, provided that all birds are packaged individually, and all packages shall bear labels clearly identifying the contents, and the name and address of the licensee, or they may be sold live to other authorized permittees, or they may sell the same to individuals for their personal use within 48 hours. A complete record of the sale shall be maintained for each such disposition.
- 7) **RECOVERY OF BIRDS:** The licensee is authorized to recover pen-reared birds within the confines of the regulated Shooting Preserve area, or on other property owned or leased by the licensee, contiguous to the Preserve.
- 8) **SHOT REQUIREMENTS:** Non-toxic shot is required for the taking of waterfowl on shooting

preserves.

9) **FACILITIES:** Birds and animals raised under a permit for propagation purposes must be confined in a sanitary escape-proof enclosure. Such enclosure shall be open to inspection by representatives of the Department at all times (4 VAC 15-290-50).

10) **SUNDAY HUNTING:** Department regulation 4 VAC 15-40-260 states that except as otherwise provided in the sections appearing in Chapter 40, it shall be lawful to hunt pen-raised game birds (on shooting preserves) seven days a week as provided by § 29.1-514 of the Code of Virginia. The length of the hunting season on such preserves and the size of the bag limit shall be in accordance with rules of the board. For the purpose of this chapter, controlled shooting areas shall be defined as licensed shooting preserves. It shall be unlawful to hunt pen-raised game birds on Sunday on controlled shooting areas in those counties having a population of not less than 54,000 nor more than 55,000, or in any county or city which prohibits Sunday operation by ordinance.

II. SHOOTING PRESERVE AND TOWER SHOOT CONDITIONS; Season and Bag Limit

1) **SEASON:** September 1 through April 30.

2) **BAG LIMIT:** There shall be no daily bag limit on game birds except for mallards under a Mallard Release Area.

III. MALLARD RELEASE AREA SPECIAL CONDITIONS; Season and Bag Limit

Definition of Mallard Release Area (MRA):

A type of shooting preserve where captive reared mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*) are raised and released prior to September 15th and allowed to move freely on land and waters of the preserve as well as on other public and private lands and waters.

Conditions:

1) **MANAGEMENT PLAN:** Each Mallard Release Area (MRA) must have, before issuance of a permit, a management plan reviewed and approved by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Wildlife Division, Regional Wildlife Manager. Managers will forward completed plans under the cover of an approval memo to the Permitting Section.

REGION 1	17465 Eltham Road, New Kent, VA 23124	804-843-5962
REGION 2	1132 Thomas Jefferson Road, Forest, VA 24551-9223	434-525-7522
REGION 3	1796 Highway Sixteen, Marion, VA 24354	276-782-9051
REGION 4	P.O. Box 996, Verona, VA 24482	540-248-9360
REGION 5	1320 Belman Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401	540-899-4169

The Management Plan must be completed in a manner so as to allow for review and comment by Department personnel before issuance of a permit. The Management Plan must address the following issues:

- ◆ The amount of available waterfowl habitat with a specific description of present and planned management directly related to food production for waterfowl.
- ◆ Outline specific stocking rates of birds. Rates should coincide with available habitat and food sources.
- ◆ Address the amounts and rates of supplemental feeding required while birds are in the release pen. Plan should also indicate a time frame for this feeding to begin and end.
- ◆ Include a map with release site and food production areas clearly marked. Also note areas designated as potential resting and loafing areas where birds will not be hunted by operators of the preserve or associated clients. Resting areas are not required to be within the designated licensed preserve and can be public waters located adjacent to the preserve. Any MRA banded and toe clipped birds harvested on property other than a designated licensed shooting preserve shall be considered wild and will count toward the Federal duck bag limit.

2) **RELEASE DATE:** No birds may be released at any time after September 15.

3) **SEASON:** Duck hunting on MRAs will be limited to the Federal Duck season. MRA operators should be aware of all Federal laws regarding baiting and the use of live decoys. Hunters, in addition to having a State hunting license, must have a signed Federal Duck Stamp in possession. Non-toxic shot approved for use by the Director as permissible under Federal Migratory Waterfowl regulations is required to hunt all waterfowl in Virginia. These laws will apply to your shooting preserve.

4) **BANDING/TRANSPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** All birds must be toe clipped on the right hind toe and banded with metallic leg bands listing the shooting preserve number and the following information; (SP#, VDGIF, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230). Birds killed within the shooting preserve can be reported through the Shooting Preserve Annual Report.

5) **BAG LIMIT:** Each licensed hunter shall be limited to no more than 20 toe clipped and banded released mallard ducks per day. Any duck harvested that is not banded and toe clipped will count towards hunter's Federal limit. Once a hunter reaches the Federal limit of ducks, that individual must cease hunting.

6) **PROPAGATION:** Propagation permits are required if on site propagation will be conducted.

7) **UNUSUAL SICKNESS OR DEATH:** MRA operators must report unusual death or sickness of released mallards immediately to the nearest Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Office and transport any dead or sick birds to the appropriate authority as determined by Department personnel.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS:

1) **OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

2) **COMPLIANCE/VIOLATION/REVOCATION:**

A. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified. Further, any violation of state or federal wildlife laws related to the permitted activities by the permittee, his/her agents or employees, or guests will constitute a violation of the conditions of the permit.

B. As provided by 4 VAC 15-30-5, failure to comply with the provisions of a permit may result in the revocation or suspension of the permit for a period up to but not to exceed five (5) years. Any person whose permit is revoked, or suspended may appeal that decision in writing, to the Director, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, 4010 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230.

3) **RENEWALS:** Regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7 states that provided that the issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department. Renewal applications will be mailed approximately two months in advance of the permit's expiration date.

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SHOOTING PRESERVE ANNUAL REPORT

According to Rule 2 of the GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SHOOTING PRESERVES, you must complete and return the following Annual Report to: VDGIF, Permit Section, Post Office Box 11104, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104, by MAY 30th

Previous Permit Number:_____

Name of Preserve_____

Shooting Preserve Number_____ County_____ Acres_____

Telephone ()_____

Type of Shooting Preserve: ☐ Public ☐ Private

Name of Applicant_____

(Must be owner, lessee, or corporation)

Total Number of Hunters/Clients_____

<u>Authorized Species</u>	<u>Number Released</u>	<u>Number Shot</u>
Quail	_____	_____
Pheasant	_____	_____
Chukar	_____	_____
Mallard Duck	_____	_____
Hungarian Partridge	_____	_____

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Signature_____ Date_____

May 1, 2006